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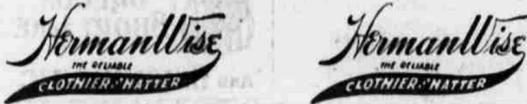
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## THREE CONCERNS NOW ARE MERGED

Street Car Company Absorbs Electric and Gaslight Companies of This City.

## SERVICES TO BE IMPROVED

Extension of Car Line to Be Undertaken at Once—C. A. Coolidge to Be Retained as Manager.

The Astorian is enabled to announce authoritatively today the merging of three of the largest concerns in the city—the Astoria Electric Company, controlling the street-car system; the Astoria Gaslight Company, enjoying a monopoly in its line, and the West Shore Mills Company, which has also been a practical monopoly. The preliminary papers have been prepared, and just as soon as possible the merger will be finally closed. This latter step is expected to be taken within a few days.

The merging of these three companies is one of the most important deals ever consummated in Astoria. It involves betterment of the street-car, power and lighting services of the city, and means that the residence sections of the East and West Ends will be built up. The capitalists behind the investment have implicit faith in Astoria's future, and it is learned from a reliable source that a very large sum of money will be expended in improving the three services.

The merger will have the effect of placing the street-car system on a paying basis. For several years past, since Superintendent Coolidge assumed control of the car line, operating expenses have been paid, but a heavy interest account made profit impossible. The Astoria Electric Company, which is really representing the General Electric Company, has recently been granted a 75-year blanket franchise, which will make it possible to refund the debt at a very low rate of interest. Under the terms of the franchise, the company was required to extend the line one-half a mile in each direction before the expiration of a year. This feature of the franchise will be complied with, and steps toward that end will be taken this morning. It is stated the extensions can be made within a month or 40 days, once work is commenced. The extension will give residents of the East and West Ends an excellent car service and doubtless will have the effect of building up those most desirable residence sections.

Several new cars, which recently were received from the East, will be utilized at once. It is the purpose to make the service modern in every respect, and to keep the system in first-class condition.

It is also stated that the lighting service will be materially improved upon. Of late this service has not been up to standard, owing to the fact that the merger was pending. Both the electric and gaslight facilities will be rendered efficient in every respect.

An effort was made last night to learn the amount of money involved in the transaction, but information on this subject was declined, the gentlemen seen merely confirming the report that the merger had been effected.

It is understood that Charles A. Coolidge will be retained as general superintendent of the big consolidation. Mr. Coolidge is a thorough electrical engineer, and likewise possesses a technical business education. He has greatly improved the street-car service during his residence in Astoria, and the statement that he is to be retained will be reassuring to the people of the city.

It is believed the company will not content itself with the extensions required by the grant given by the city, but that ere long the car line will be extended to the extremity of East Astoria and also to Smith Point.

## EVANS ISSUES ORDERS

Duties of the Fleet for the Reception of Prince Henry.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Rear-Admiral Evans today issued orders to the captains of the fleet concerning their duties on the day Prince Henry arrives. At 5 a. m. the vessels will "full dress" ship and remain so dressed until sunset. At the conclusion a national salute will be fired.

When the Kronprinz Wilhelm ar-

rives the admiral and staff will board her near her quarantine. When the liner passes Evans' squadron of vessels will man the military torpedoes and rails. A salute of 21 guns will be fired by each ship.

When the Hohenzollern hoists the imperial standard a salute of 21 guns will be fired by each ship of the squadron.

## DROPS OUT OF SIGHT.

Mysterious Disappearance of an Indiana Shoe Dealer.

HAMMOND, Ind., Feb. 18.—August Matje, who owns a shoe store in this place, has disappeared as wholly as if the earth had swallowed him up.

He left for Chicago last week, having in his possession a large sum of money to purchase stock. He expected to be back on the evening of the same day, but in spite of the vigilant search that has been made for him, no trace of his whereabouts has been obtained and his wife fears he has met with foul play. Matje has always borne an excellent reputation and the police of Hammond and Chicago are investigating his case.

## RIOTING RESUMED IN SPAIN.

Troops Fire on Strikers, Three of Whom Are Killed.

BARCELONA, Feb. 18.—Rioting was renewed here this evening, crowds of strikers doing extensive damage. The troops charged them repeatedly but only succeeded in dispersing them on the opening fire.

At San Martin, a village in the suburbs, the troops fired on the mob, killing three and wounding six. At Badelena the mob attacked the gendarmes and one person was killed and three wounded. At Sabadell the strikers burned Octroi tax offices and convent.

## DAWSONITES EXCITED

PEOPLE THREATEN TO DESERT THE CAMP

Richest Portion of Klondike Given Over to a Syndicate.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Advices from Dawson, via Skagway, according to a Seattle special to the Chronicle, states that an order which arrived from Ottawa recently gives to the Treadgold water and mining system possession of all vacant ground and all ground to become vacant in the richest portion of the Klondike. Canadians have joined Americans in expressions of indignation and will leave for other gold fields.

Business men of Dawson see ruin staring them in the face. It is said that unless action is taken at Ottawa immediately a few weeks will see Dawson a deserted camp. A monster mass meeting was in progress when the message was sent.

The order gives A. N. C. Treadgold, Sir Thomas Tacer and other members of the syndicate title in fee to all lapsed or vacant placer claims on Hunker, Bear and Bonanza creeks and all their tributaries. This includes El Dorado creek, the richest in the world. This leaves of the paying creeks only Dominion, Goldrun and Sulphur and Indian river that will remain open.

## THUNDER MOUNTAIN MINE.

BOISE, Ida., Feb. 18.—Ben Caswell, head of the family of Caswell brothers, by whom Thunder mountain was discovered, returned this evening from an Eastern trip. He states he received several offers in Pittsburg of \$100,000 cash for the Sunnyside property, which he and his brothers own in the district. The offers were refused, he said, because the present owners intended to retain the property.

## INDIAN BOY BURIED ALIVE.

SEATTLE, Feb. 18.—On the steamer Dolphin, from Alaska today, came the news that because a dozen natives had died from consumption, an Indian boy who had become converted to the Christian faith, was buried alive. For hours he lay in the grave until unearthed by a missionary. When resurrected he was alive, and at last accounts was recovering.

## DEWET'S FORCES DISPERSED.

HEILBRON, Orange River Colony, Feb. 18.—The British columns have again come in contact with DeWet's forces near Reitzia, Orange River Colony. The latter were split up and dispersed.

## LIBERAL DONATION.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—James P. Keene today gave \$10,000 for the relief of the poor who suffered in the blizzard yesterday.

## WILL SOON BE DISPOSED OF

Final Vote on Tariff Bill Will Be Taken Next Monday.

## LAST DAYS OF THE DEBATE

Speeches Limited to Fifteen Minutes—Stewart and Wellington Speak For and Against Measure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—It was agreed by the senate today that the final vote on the Philippine tariff bill and the pending amendments should be taken next Monday afternoon.

The only stipulation made by the minority was that the last day's debate should be devoted to speeches not exceeding 15 minutes. Senator Wellington spoke today in opposition to the bill, and Senator Stewart, of Nevada, in support of the measure.

Wellington's address covered the Philippine question generally. He set forth his well known views forcefully. He always had been a Republican, he said, a believer in the system of protection and a supporter of the gold standard of currency, but he had come to the parting ways with his party in 1898, when it developed "its imperialistic tendencies."

Stewart made a brief legal and constitutional argument.

## OPTION TO BE CLOSED.

Baltimore Syndicate Will Buy San Francisco Street Railway Lines.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—The Examiner says that it has information to the effect that the Baltimore syndicate which has been negotiating for the Market Street, Sutter and Sutter Street Railways will close its option on February 27. The paper says that for the Market Street Railway approximately \$14,000,000 will be paid and for the Sutter and Sutter lines \$2,000,000. The syndicate already has the San Mateo Electric Line, which cost \$1,300,000. The option of the eastern people on the Market Street Railway expires on February 28. They paid \$250,000 for the option. Arrangements have been perfected to take over three-quarters of the 186,000 shares of stock.

The syndicate put up \$75,000 for an option on the Sutter and Sutter lines. It is to take all the stock of both roads.

It is the intention of the syndicate, says the Examiner, to organize a new company and merge the Market, Sutter, Sutter and San Mateo lines. New York bankers will finance the bonds of the new company.

## SAFETY OF PRINCE HENRY.

Extraordinary Measures to Be Adopted by Washington Police Department.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The police department has taken extraordinary measures to insure the bodily safety of Prince Henry and his staff on the occasion of their visit to the capital.

These contemplate such measures as will cause the detention or expulsion from the city of all suspicious and questionable characters, beginning now and carrying these measures forward until the prince has left Washington.

## STOLE HUGE SUM.

Matteson's Defalcation Now Known to Be \$178,000.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 18.—A special to the Independent from Great Falls, says that H. H. Matteson, who on January 5 confessed to embezzling \$75,000 from the First National bank while acting as cashier, is now known to have taken \$178,000, his operations extending over three years.

The facts were made known at a meeting of the bank directors today.

## AMERICA'S GROWING TRADE.

Interesting Report Made Public by Bureau of Foreign Commerce.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—A document showing the pace at which this country ran during the last calendar year in the great race for supremacy in trade in the world markets, has been made public by the bureau of foreign commerce of the state department.

Although the figures compiled by the treasury department show a consider-

able falling off in the total value of manufactured goods sent abroad, it is said there seems to be a steady and uninterrupted spread in popularity for what may be termed American "novelties" all over Europe. By the word "novelties" are meant not only labor saving implements and machinery but a great variety of articles of merchandise. In other words, while the aggregate of our exports of manufactured goods has shrunk, the variety of our sales in Europe is being extended and the territory upon which they are encroaching is being constantly enlarged.

## MISS STONE SAID TO BE SAFE.

Missionary Handed Over to American Legation—Rev. Tsilka Arrested.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—The Temps publishes a dispatch from Constantinople which announces that Miss Stone has been released by the brigands and had been handed over to the dragoman of the American legation. The dispatch adds that "Reverend Tsilka" has been arrested on a charge of complicity in the kidnapping of Miss Stone.

## REV. TSILKA ARRESTED.

Charged With Complicity in Kidnapping of American Missionary.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Rev. Tsilka, who according to the Constantinople correspondent of the Temps, has been arrested on the charge of complicity in the kidnapping of the missionary, is a husband of Mme. Tsilka, Miss Stone's companion.

It was announced recently that the Turkish authorities suspected Rev. Tsilka of complicity in the abduction of Miss Stone.

## MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

REPUBLICANS IN PHILADELPHIA WIN THE DAY.

Democrats Make Better Showing in Other Cities of the State.

## PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.—

Elections were held throughout Pennsylvania for municipal and borough officers. In most sections a heavy vote was polled, especially in the larger cities. Local issues predominated, general politics not entering as a rule into the settlement of the fights.

Philadelphia candidates, supported by the Republican city and state leaders, swept everything. On the other hand, Pittsburg was carried by those opposing the state and city administrations, independent Republicans having formed a coalition with the Democrats and the head of the Citizens' party. Scranton elected a Democratic mayor. Wilkesbarre elected a Republican mayor. Reading elected a Democrat for mayor. At Harrisburg, Vance McCormick, Democrat, for mayor, is elected. At Lancaster, Chester Cummings, the Quay Republican candidate for mayor, is elected.

## BIG DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—J. P. Morgan & Company distributed a dividend of \$10,000,000 today to members of the syndicate, formed to underwrite the United States Steel Corporation.

## TOLSTOI'S SUFFERS RELAPSE.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—The Moscow correspondent of the Daily Mail, says Count Tolstol has suffered a relapse; that a fever has returned and his heart is weak.

## WHEELER STANDS BY HIS SPEECH

Reiterates Utterances Assailing Secretary Hay and Lord Pauncefote.

## OTHERS DEPLORE OCCURENCE

Intemperate Language Considered Affront to Foreign Country—Indian Bill Was Forgotten.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The speech of Wheeler, of Kentucky, in the house last Friday, when he bitterly assailed Secretary Hay and Lord Pauncefote and criticized the official preparations for the reception of Prince Henry, had a sequel in the house today during the debate on the Indian appropriation bill.

Gillet, of Massachusetts, declared that the intemperance of Wheeler's language carried its own condemnation. Nevertheless he (Gillet) grievously deplored such an affront to a foreign country. During the course of the speech two Democrats—Robinson, of Indiana, and Thayer, of Massachusetts, disclaimed any sympathy with Wheeler's utterances. These disclaimers drew from Talbot, of South Carolina, the statement that he desired to share in the responsibility of the speech, every word of which he endorsed. Wheeler, himself, subsequently replied to Gillet, reaffirming what he had said, and declaring that he would abide by his words, whether they were discreet or not.

Earlier in the session, Hill, of Connecticut, and Shafer, of Colorado, discussed the former's bill to redeem silver with gold.

The Indian bill itself was not touched on in the speech making.

## LIABLE TO INJUNCTION.

PORTLAND, Feb. 18.—In the state circuit court today Judges George and Cleland held that the maintenance of a banner in front of a restaurant declared "unfair" by a labor organization, is nuisance which a court of equity may enjoin. The case decided was that of A. J. Hall against the waiters' alliance.

## FIRST ANNUAL DEBATE.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Feb. 18.—The first annual debate between Stanford University and the University of Washington will take place in Assembly hall, on the Stanford campus, on the 2d of May. After months of negotiation the contest has become a certainty and the date tentatively fixed.

## STEWART RECOMMENDS GAGE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—At a special meeting today of the trustees of the United States Trust Company, John A. Stewart tendered his resignation of the office of president and recommended that Lyman J. Gage, ex-secretary of the treasury, be chosen his successor. It was understood that Gage will accept.

## WHEAT MARKET.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Wheat, cash, 11 1/2.

PORTLAND, Feb. 18.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 65 1/2 @ 66; bluestem, 66; Valley, 65.

St. Louis, Feb. 1st, 1902.

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